

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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March 23, 2004

FROM: THOMAS L. SUTTON, Interim Director
Special Districts Department

PETER R. HILLS, Fire Chief/Fire Warden
San Bernardino County Consolidated Fire District

**SUBJECT: REJECT BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FIRE STATION NO. 75, MUSCOY,
CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

RECOMMENDATION: Acting as the governing body of the Central Valley Fire Protection District (CVFPD):

1. Find that it is in the best interest of the District to reject all bids for a project when the low bid is significantly in excess of the amount budgeted for this project.
2. Reject all bids received on January 29, 2004 for the construction of a new fire station (Station No. 75, Project No. 2001040) in the unincorporated area of Muscoy, due to the low bid that exceeded the District Capital Improvement Project budgeted amount by approximately \$300,000.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The CVFPD, a fire district within the San Bernardino County Fire Department, is responsible for fire suppression in the Muscoy area. The Muscoy fire station currently maintains and operates one fire engine and one water tender that are located in a converted residence. This fire station is substandard as an essential services facility and does not meet the building criteria for a standard fire station.

On March 13, 2001, the Board of Supervisors accepted a donation of land for the site of a future fire station in Muscoy. On January 14, 2003, the Board approved an agreement with STK Architecture for design and engineering services for the new fire station. A design concept was approved by the CVFPD and the design, conditional use, environmental and other governmental regulatory processes were initiated. A Conditional Use Permit was issued on August 28, 2003 and the plans have been reviewed and approved by the San Bernardino County Building and Safety Division, within the Land Use Services Department. All regulatory requirements have been completed. On December 16, 2003, the Board authorized the Special Districts Department to advertise for bids to construct a new fire station; and the engineer construction cost estimate was \$1,325,008.

On January 29, 2004, five bids were received as follows:

Paul Crabtree Construction, Riverside CA.	\$1,610,674
B.E. McMurray Construction, Upland CA	\$1,791,850
Edmiston Construction, Fontana, CA.	\$1,799,568
Shellman Construction, Riverside, CA.	\$1,872,177
Sanders Construction, Lake Forest, CA.	\$2,021,000

Due to the low bidder amount being approximately \$300,000 higher than the budgeted amount for this project, and the uncertainty of how the State proposed budget reductions could impact the CVFPD, staff recommends rejecting all the bids.

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The Special Districts Department staff will re-evaluate the scope of work, amend the bid documents accordingly, and wait for the outcome of any State budgetary impacts. In addition, the District Engineer will review the bid documents and make recommendations for cost saving alternatives to incorporate into the revised bid documents. A recommendation for authorization to re-advertise for construction bids, based upon plan modifications, will be presented at a future date in FY 2004/05.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This action has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel (Daniel B. Haueter, Chief Deputy County Counsel, 387-5467) on March 10, 2004, and by the County Administrative Office (Wayne Thies, Administrative Analyst, 387-5409) on March 12, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Rejecting the bids has no financial impact on the district. Reviews are budgeted and included in Districts FY 03/04 Capital Improvement project (CLH-580) and will not exceed \$5,000. Adjustments will be made as necessary in the FY 04/05 budget to include the material and labor cost increases as well as any plan modification related costs.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: Fifth

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